Notice of Public Comment Period for EPA Land Use Guidance

The USEPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality is seeking public comment on its proposed guidance, "Recognizing the Air Quality Benefits of Local and State Land Use Policies and Projects in the Air Quality Planning Process." (EPA420-9-00-002, June, 2000). This draft guidance identifies the specific ways that air quality benefits of land use policies and projects could be accounted for in the air quality and transportation planning processes. Comments are important for developing the final guidance document and informing EPA of specific needs for future guidance documents.

In addition to this draft guidance document, EPA is releasing a draft contractor report, "Comparing Methodologies to Assess Transportation and Air Quality Impacts of Brownfields and Infill Development" (Submitted by ICF Consulting to EPA, Contract Number 68-W-99-054). Work on this document is ongoing; however, EPA seeks public comment on the technical merits of the methodologies described in the document and their applicability to accounting for the air quality impacts of infill developments in the air quality and transportation planning processes.

Both the guidance document and the draft contractor report are available for at http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp/traqsusd.htm.

The public comment period will be open from 60 day, beginning Monday, June 12, 2000. Please send you comments on or before August 11, 2000. Mailed or faxed comments should be typewritten or legible written legibly. Comments may be submitted to Tracie Jackson, either electronically at jackson.tracie@epa.gov, by fax at 734-214-4906, or through the mail at USEPA, OTAQ, 2000 Traverwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.